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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Confirmation NO. 6013

S. Dunlap

Art Unit: 3713

Application No.: 09/986,981

Examiner: Christina Marks

Filed: November 13, 2001

Attorney Dkt. No.: 108800-00005

For: INTERCONNECTING OF USERS VIA A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, FOR  
COMPETITIVE GAMING

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 29, 2003  
(December 26 – Holiday)

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed August 26, 2003, the period for response being  
extended by the attached one-month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

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